

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3048
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018**

Innovation Council

3048. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Education has assigned the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for developing Business, Idea and Creativity among the students;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof along with the amount of funds allocated for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government aims to expand the programme to schools and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the manner in which the Government is likely to incentivise other national organisations to join Institution's Innovation Council partnership?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) to (d): An Innovation Cell has been established by Ministry of Human Resource Development in the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to foster innovation culture among all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) only. It will undertake/ initiate various innovations related activities such as establishing Institutions' Innovation Councils (IICs) in HEIs, ranking HEIs on innovation parameters such as Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) rankings, Hackathons (Smart India Hackathon, International Hackathons, Grand/ Mini Challenges) and other such initiatives. Initially, an amount of Rs. 2 Crore has been proposed for the Innovation Cell during the year 2018-19.

In the Budget for the year 2017-18, an Innovation Fund for Secondary Education was created under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), to encourage local innovation for ensuring universal access, gender parity and quality improvement, including ICT enabled learning transformation with a special focus on educationally backward districts of the country. During 2017-18, an outlay of Rs. 69.75 crore was approved for innovation fund. Further, an outlay of Rs 314.39 crore has been provided for under Samagra Siksha for various innovative activities/ projects as submitted by the States and Union Territories (UTs) for secondary and higher secondary level for encouraging science education and promote creativity.
